

20. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 further comprising a second backing sheet secured to the insulating sheet in generally contiguous relation to the insulating sheet, wherein the second backing sheet allows water vapor to pass through the second backing sheet while preventing liquid water from passing through the second backing sheet.

21. (Amended) The article of Claim 20 wherein the insulating sheet is positioned between the backing sheet and the second backing sheet.

22. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein the first and second films comprise thermoplastic films and the first and second films are laminated together.

23. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein one or more of the first and second films comprise a coextruded film.

24. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein one or more of the first and second films comprises nylon.

26. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein the first and second films comprise low density polyethylene.

27. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein the backing sheet comprises a thermoplastic polymer.

28. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein the backing sheet has a fusion temperature at least slightly above a fusion temperature associated with the first and second films.

29. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein the backing sheet comprises a high density polyethylene.

30. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein the first or second films comprise a polymer selected from polyvinyl chloride polymer, polyvinylidene chloride polymer, and olefinic polymer.

31. (Amended) The article of Claim 30 wherein the olefinic polymer comprises polyethylene.

33. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein the backing sheet comprises a non-woven polyester.

34. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein the backing sheet comprises an olefinic polymer.

35. (Amended) The article of Claim 34 wherein the olefinic polymer comprises a polymer selected from one or more of polyethylene and, polypropylene.

36. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein the backing sheet comprises thermoplastic fibers.

37. (Amended) The article of Claim 36 wherein the thermoplastic fibers comprise olefinic polymer fibers.

38. (Amended) The article of Claim 37 wherein the olefinic polymer fibers are selected from the group consisting of polyethylene fibers and polypropylene fibers.

39. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein portions of the backing sheet are laminated to the insulating sheet.

41. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 wherein portions of the backing sheet and the insulating sheet are adhesively secured to each other.

44. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 comprising an adhesive along at least a portion of the insulating sheet for securing the article to a structure.

45. (Amended) The article of Claim 19 comprising an adhesive along at least a portion of the backing sheet for securing the composite material to a structure.

47. (Amended) A method of forming the article of Claim 19 comprising the steps of:
 providing the insulating sheet;
 providing the backing sheet; and
 securing the backing sheet in generally superposed, contiguous relation to the insulating sheet.

48. (Amended) A method for insulating a structure comprising the step of at least partially wrapping the structure with the article of Claim 19.

49. (Amended) The method of Claim 48 wherein the article is secured to the structure with an adhesive.

50. (Amended) The method of Claim 48 wherein the structure comprises a building.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application. Claims 19-24, 26-31, 33-39, 41, 44-45, and 47-50 remain in this application. Claims 19-24, 26-31, 33-39, 41, 44-45, and 47-50 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as his invention. Non-elected